

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claim 13. Please cancel claims 1-12. Please add claims 14-16.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended) A method for assembling an electrical connector into a hard disk drive, comprising:

covering a top surface of an electrical connector with a cap that extends along four sides of the electrical connector;

transporting the electrical connector to an assembly site;

removing the cap from the electrical connector; and,

assembling the electrical connector into a hard disk drive.

Claim 14 (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the cap is removed by grasping notches of the cap.

Claim 15 (new) The method of claim 13, further comprising assembling the electrical connector to a printed circuit board.

Claim 16 (new) The method of claim 15, wherein the cap is placed on the electrical connector after the electrical connector is assembled to the printed circuit board.